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## PROVIDER NOTICE: 02-08

RE: Maternity Care Program for Mobile County (District 14)

The Alabama Medicaid Agency will implement the Maternity Care Program in Mobile County (District 14) October 1, 2002. The projected start date for this program is contingent on the Primary Care Contractor's successful completion of all requirements as outlined in the ITB/Manual and a Readiness Review.

In order for Medicaid to compensate providers for maternity care services, eligible pregnant women must receive their pregnancy care from the Primary Care Contractor for the district in which they reside. **Medicaid recipients who are not required to participate in the Maternity Care program include:**

1. Those recipients who have both Medicare and Medicaid,
2. Women who are members of a federally recognized Indian tribe,
3. Females under age 19 who are on SSI,
4. Children certified for Medicaid under specific Medicaid waiver programs for the physically and mentally disabled (institutional deeming),
5. Foster children or children in other out-of home placement,
6. Certain disabled children who participate in Medicaid recognized specialty clinics.

### For pregnant women who currently reside in Mobile County the following applies:

1. If the recipient is in her third trimester (27 weeks or greater as of 10/1/02) and the physician who the patient has been seeing is not enrolled with the Primary Contractor, then the woman may be granted an exemption to remain with that provider. The exemption request must be coordinated through the Primary Contractor.
2. If the recipient does not qualify for the third trimester exemption as described above, she will be required to enroll with the new Primary Contractor for her district. Providers should continue to bill on a fee-for-service basis according to established Medicaid policies and procedures for prenatal care until the effective start date for that district.

**If you are interested in being a subcontractor for District 14 (Mobile County) or have further questions, please contact District 14, Mike Trainor at 251-415-1243.**

Mike Lewis  
Commissioner

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